

PATENT APPLICATION
Attorney Docket No. 040049

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of: : Confirmation No. 4373
Paul D. Hanke :
Appl. No.: 10/771,695 : Art Unit: 1656
Filed: February 4, 2004 : Examiner: Alexander D. Kim
For: Polynucleotides Encoding a Feedback-Resistant
Aspartokinase From Corynebacterium

SUBMISSION FOR REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper is filed as a Submission to accompany the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith. A final office action was issued in this case on November 29, 2006, and it is believed that this response is timely without the need for an amendment. In the event that an extension is necessary, kindly grant one and deduct the fee for same from Deposit Account No. 02-4800, in the name of Buchanan Ingersoll PC. That deposit account should also be used in the event that the fees paid for the Request for Continued Examination are absent or otherwise insufficient.

The Amendments submitted in a Response After Final Office Action on January 26, 2007, have not been entered and should not be entered in this case. The amendments for entry with the Request for Continued Examination are below.

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The rejections of the Office Action have been carefully considered and are addressed herein. Entry of the amended claims, amended drawings, and amendments to the specification, as well as reconsideration and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the claims are presented in the **Listing of Claims**, beginning on page 3.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 4.

Amendments to the Figures are discussed on page 6, and a **Replacement Figure** is included as Appendix A.

Remarks begin on page 7.

The **Conclusion** begins on page 10.